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FOR WORTZEL FROM SCHMIDT

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. YOU WILL BE GETTING SHORTLY A CABLE GIVING A SUGGESTED  
OUTLINE FOR TESTIMONY BY BILL LUERS BEFORE THE HIRC ON  
AUGUST 16. YUGOSLAVIA WILL NOT BE INCLUDED BUT YOU MAY  
COMMENT ON THE TOPICS IF YOU THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL.

2. JONATHAN MAYHEW CALLED FROM NEW MEXICO TO SAY THAT  
HE WOULD BE GETTING BACK TO BELGRADE ONE WEEK LATER THAN  
ORIGINALLY PLANNED, NAMELY ON AUGUST 11 INSTEAD OF AUGUST  
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3. CONSULAR COURSE. FSI SAYS THERE DEFINITELY WILL BE  
AN ADVANCED CONSULAR COURSE IN OCTOBER BUT IT IS NOT YET  
CERTAIN WHETHER IT WILL BEGIN OCTOBER 2 OR OCTOBER 9.  
IF SOMEONE THERE IS INTERESTED WE CAN CONVEY THE REQUEST  
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FOR REGISTRATION, OR BETTER YET, YOU CAN CABLE YOUR  
INTEREST TO DIANE DILLARD IN PER.

4. DUAL NATIONALS. WE ARE IN A QUANDRY ABOUT THE LATEST  
TWO CASES. WHAT WILL THE FOOLISHNESS NEVER  
STOP? WE HAVE STILL NOT RAISED THIS WITH THE YUGOSLAVS  
HERE AND ARE HOPEFUL THAT YOUR EFFORTS ON THAT END WILL BE

EFFECTIVE IN GETTING THE TWO OUT, IF AS SEEMS LIKELY THEY WANT OUT. AT SOME POINT, PROBABLY SOONER RATHER THAN LATER, WE WILL HAVE TO STRAIGHTEN OUT THIS MESS AND GET SOME GUIDELINES WHICH THE YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES WILL ALL LIVE BY. CLEARLY ANDONOV'S "THREE-MONTH RULE" IS BEING CONSISTENTLY BREACHED.

5. AT SOME CONVENIENT TIME, WE WOULD LIKE TWO COPIES OF THE LATEST EMBASSY/CONGEN PHONE BOOK. THIS IS NOT FOR PURPOSES OF PHONING YOU IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, BUT JUST IN CASE.

6. THE AMBASSADOR'S JOURNALIST FRIEND LEDEEN, WHO IS EVIDENTLY CLOSE TO ANOTHER FRIEND WHOSE INITIALS ARE HAK, CALLED TO ASK WHAT WE THOUGHT ABOUT THE RECENT L'AUREOREARTICLE ON TITO'S SUPPOSED CONVERSATION WITH BERLINGEUR. THE ITEM HAS GOTTEN SOME PLAY IN THE WESTERN PRESS, AS YOU MAY IMAGINE, AND THE AMBASSADOR'S TWO FRIENDS WOULD LOVE TO BELIEVE IT IS AUTHENTIC. WE SAID IT SOUNDED LIKE A LOT OF EXTRAPOLATION DRAWN FROM A FEW PROBABLE POINTS, AND THAT WE HAD NO IDEA WHAT ACTUALLY TOOK PLACE. THIS DID NOT SATISFY, SO LEDEEN ASKED THAT WE SEEK YOUR VIEWS. HE PLANS TO WRITE SOMETHING THIS WEEKEND AND WANTS TO DRAW ON THE ARTICLE.

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7. IN THE MARKOVIC REPORTING WE PURPOSELY OMITTED NUMEROUS EXPRESSIONS BY THE YUGOSLAVS OF EXTRAVAGANT PRAISE FOR THE AMBASSADOR. IT WAS FRANKLY EMBARRASING AND WE CERTAINLY DID NOT WISHTOO MANY OTHERS TO HEAR FOR FEAR THEY MIGHT QUESTION HIS LOYALTY. DURING THE TRIP DARRYL HAD A FEW EXCHANGES WITH MARKOVIC AND CRNOBRNJA AND MORE EXTENDED CONVERSATIONS WITH CULAFIC, MICUNOVIC, ZAGAR I AND ZAGARII, ZUNIC, CRNJAK AND THE TWO INTERPRETERS, ESPECIALLY THE LOVELY JELKA BRAJOVIC. PLEASE CONVEY GREETINGS TO ALL.

8. IN CASE YOU WERE PUZZLED BY THE LONG DELAY IN THE RESPONSE TO TITO'S JULY 4 MESSAGE (STATE 93044), WE WERE TOO. IT SAT IN S/S FOR OVER THREE WEEKS AWAITING NSC CLEARANCE WHICH WE ALREADY HAD. THANK HEAVEN IT WASN'T IMPORTANT. VANCE

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